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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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BILL NUMBER: HB 1576

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SUBJECT: Indiana Youth Development Study Commission, Therapeutic and special needs foster care.

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FUNDS AFFECTED: X **GENERAL**
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IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: (CCR Amended) This bill establishes the Indiana Youth Development Charter Committee of the state Human Resources Investment Council to collect data and provide recommendations regarding the availability of youth development services. It requires the Committee to submit interim reports to the governor and Legislative Council before November 1, 1999, and November 1, 2000, and a final report before November 1, 2001.

This bill defines a therapeutic foster family home and a special needs foster family home. The bill establishes requirements for operating a therapeutic foster family home or special needs foster family home, including limits on the number of children cared for and additional training for foster parents. It provides that the Division of Family and Children may grant an exception to the maximum number of children who may be cared for in a special needs foster home in certain situations. The bill also requires the Division of Family and Children to consider the specific needs of each special needs foster child whenever the Division of Family and Children determines the appropriate number of children to place in the special needs foster home.

This bill prohibits the Division of Family and Children from removing a special needs foster child or a therapeutic foster child from a foster family home in which the child is placed before July 1, 1999, due to the home's failure to meet the new licensing requirements unless the Division determines that remaining in the home is not in the child's best interest. The bill reestablishes the Board for the Coordination of Child Care Regulation, which expired November 1, 1997, for a period beginning July 1, 1999, and ending July 1, 2001. It requires the Board for the Coordination of Child Care Regulation to study laws governing the regulation of child care and to make recommendations to the General Assembly concerning changes in the law that the Board for the Coordination of Child Care Regulation finds appropriate.

Effective Date: July 1, 1999.

Explanation of State Expenditures: (Revised) *Indiana Youth Development Study Commission:* This bill

establishes a 21 member Indiana Youth Development Charter Committee of the Human Resources Investment Council. The Secretary of the Family and Social Services Administration and the Commissioner of the Department of Correction are non voting members of the Committee. The bill requires the Governor to appoint the chair of the Committee. The bill provides for per diem and travel reimbursement of Committee members. It is assumed that the Human Resources Investment Council will pay for the per diem and travel reimbursement. The Human Resources Investment Council is required to staff the Committee. The bill requires the Committee to meet eight times each state fiscal year and requires interim reports to the Human Resources Investment Council, the Governor and the Legislative Council before November 1, 1999 and November 1, 2000, and a final report before November 1, 2001. The bill allows the Committee to accept contributions to help pay for the Committee duties.

Therapeutic and special needs foster care: This bill would establish a statutory definition of therapeutic foster family homes and special needs foster family homes. Currently, since there are no definitions in statute, each individual child placing agency has its own definition of therapeutic foster care homes as well as training requirements necessary to become a therapeutic foster care parent. It is not anticipated that the new statutory definition will create more therapeutic foster care homes or special needs foster family homes.

This bill also reestablishes the Board for the Coordination of Child Care Regulation until July 1, 2001. The Board is to be made up of four legislators and 13 lay members, who are to receive travel reimbursement and per diem. The current Legislative Council Resolution allows for a budget of \$18,500 per year for committees of sixteen members or more. The Legislative Services Agency is to provide staff to the Board.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

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State Agencies Affected: Human Resources Investment Council, Family and Social Services Administration, Department of Correction, Legislative Services Agency.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources: